

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 17, 1893, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Ave., May 17, 1893. Alec darling,

I imagine you now speeding swiftly northward having at last parted company with Helen and Miss Sullivan. I hope that she succeeded in interesting Mr. Stewart so deeply that he will be willing to take hold and help the Association along. When you come to think of it all this is very selfish, we have been working Helen for all she is worth for our benefit and not here. I hope that she will get some good out of it all. At the same time I have no doubt she enjoys it, it is Miss Sullivan upon whom the burden and fatigue really comes.

What do you think — I have had an offer of marriage to take effect when you are out of the way! — and I accepted it! I don't know whether your mother entirely approves, but I don't think you need worry or feel very jealous if I promise to wait for Douglas! He has not waited for this to endow me with all his worldly goods. I have been quite touched by his offerings of all his treasures, pressed flowers, shells given him by Henry Kidder and a teapot without any cover. He seems to have taken a great fancy to me all of a sudden and is very gentle and wonderfully obedient to me.

Daisy is trying to earn money to buy a riding horse for Baddeck. I took her to see Dr. Burnett again, he said that there was no serious trouble with her eyes, but that she was growing so fast that she had no strength for anything else. He looked at my eyes and said the glasses I bought were too strong, and I am to go again tomorrow and he will then give me some proper ones. Uncle Theo. is doing Dr. Burnett said splendidly, could not be better.

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I don't at all like living without you, it doesn't seem natural. Mr. McCurdy took me to your father's this evening and we played whist and had a very good time. Your uncle and all his family were there also.

Helen Ffoulke a friend of Elsie's spent the afternoon and dined with us, she seems quite nice.

How will you find everything I wonder, I wish you were here, it is cool enough. I want you.

Yours ever,